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The Illinois Department of Conservation is proud to present a program to honor and highlight the vast history of Illinois and its people: "Heritage Days in Illinois". These are special event programs which either re-create a specific period in time at historic sites or pinpoint outstanding natural resource areas by ecological or recreational programming. Special events by their very nature involve people of all ages, diversified organizations and clubs, and many individual enthusiasts in varying areas. To all people, these special events offer a constructive and creative use of leisure time — very unique from any experience they may have ever encountered. We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you to join us either through direct participation or as a family outing. Reflect upon Illinois' past by attending and participating in "Heritage Days in Illinois".





## *Rock Cut Winter Carnival*

For winter outdoor fun attend the Winter Carnival at Rock Cut State Park, near Rockford. The program consists of many types of winter recreational activities including skating, sledding, cross-country skiing and sleigh rides. Highlighting the festivities are the sled dog races and weight pull. Don't miss the ice and snow sculpture and hot air balloons. Bring your skates and sleds and join us there.

*February 11-12, 1984*

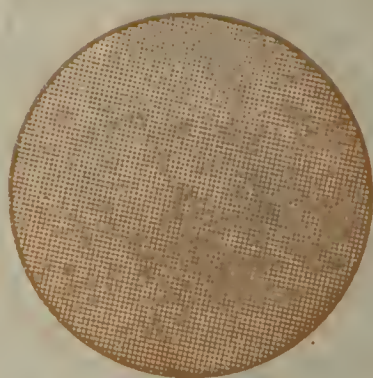


## *Old Settler Days*

Red Hills State Park, located west of Lawrenceville, will be the site of an event depicting the lifestyle on the Illinois prairie. Many old-time skills such as spinning, weaving and gunsmithing will be demonstrated while you are entertained by "down-home" musicians. Ride the stagecoach to the wild-west show or join the games and contests such as greased pole climbing, needle-in-the-haystack and pie eating.

*April 28-29, 1984*





## *Sunshine Jamboree*

Enjoy the great outdoors at Kickapoo State Park which is located just a few miles west of Danville. The sky will be dotted with kites, hot air balloons and skydivers. Join in the relay races, tug-o-war and pie eating contest. Play frisbee golf and volleyball, or just relax in the sun and listen to the bluegrass bands. Food and drink will be available or bring a picnic lunch.

*May 19-20, 1984*



## *Fort de Chartres Rendezvous*

To revive the early French-frontier period the Rendezvous is held at Fort de Chartres Historic Site near Prairie du Rocher. The fort was the largest colonial fortification built in the Mississippi Frontier. Period music, greased pole contests and militia demonstrations take place within the partially reconstructed fort walls. Traditional Rendezvous contests will consist of flintlock shooting, tomahawk throwing and tug-o-war. Significant historical crafts such as blacksmithing, wood turning and cord-waining are demonstrated during the weekend.

*June 2-3, 1984*

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## Olde English Faire

The gently rolling shaded slopes of Jubilee College will host an Olde English Faire. Jubilee College was the first Episcopal institution of higher learning in the midwest and was responsible in part for bringing the British culture into mid-Illinois. A great deal of the original Gothic school structure still remains today. Strolling troubadours, traditional English plays and knights in combat will entertain you while nearby craftsmen work at their trade. Jubilee College State Park is 15 miles northwest of Peoria.

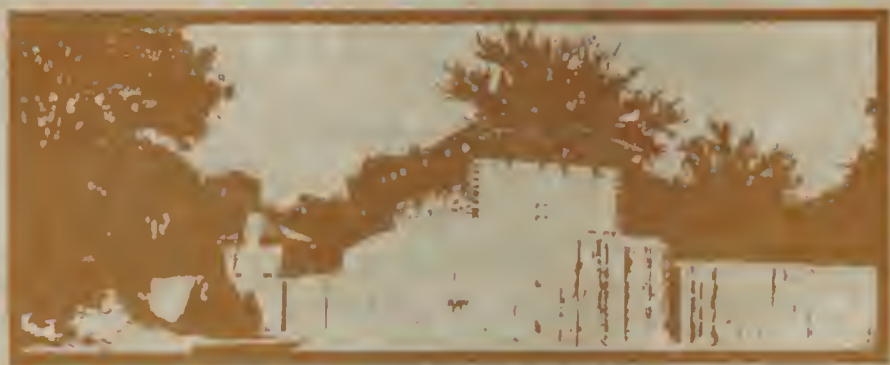
June 23-24, 1984



## Turn of the Century

Rinky-tink piano, German and Dixieland bands and the clang of horseshoe pitching are the sounds as the "Gay 90s" return to Starved Rock State Park. The sights are an organ grinder and monkey, craftpersons plying their trades, hi-wheel bikes and hot air balloons. The JULIA BELLE SWAIN paddlewheel steamboat will be on hand to offer rides on the Illinois River. Games for kids include pie eating and root beer chugging. Starved Rock State Park is located near Utica.

September 15-16, 1984



## *Fort Massac Encampment*

The Fort Massac Encampment, along the banks of the Ohio River, depicts the lifestyle of the people who conquered and settled the frontier and who represent the roots of Illinois. You'll see soldiers, trappers, traders, voyageurs as they go about their daily chores, demonstrate crafts, trades and food preparation. You'll be entertained by fife and drum corps units, bagpipe bands and court dancing. The highlight of the day is the mock battle and tactical demonstrations. Fort Massac is located at Metropolis.

*October 20-21, 1984*



## *Christmas at the Dana-Thomas House*

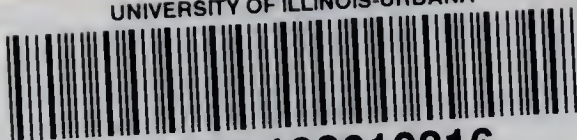
Frank Lloyd Wright designed this magnificent house in 1902 for Susan Lawrence Dana. When it was completed in December of 1904, Mrs. Dana entertained at a series of holiday festivities. Eighty years later the house comes alive again with the glow of candlelight in the art glass windows and doors and a 16-foot Christmas tree that nearly touches the ceiling of the barrel vaulted gallery. Fresh flowers, greenery and traditional music complete this festive scene. The Dana-Thomas House is located at 4th and Lawrence in Springfield.

*Each Weekend of December*





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